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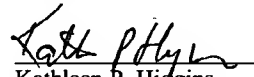
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Application No. 09/996,838
Filed November 29, 2001
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REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114 FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

Applicants request hereby continued examination for the present application. This Request is being filed with a Reply, dated July 11, 2005, to the Examiner's Action, a Petition for Extension of Time and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Form PTO-2038 is enclosed to pay the fee for the Request. If there is any

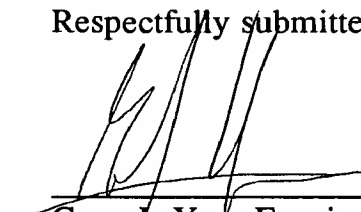
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.114 TO
THE EXAMINER'S ACTION, DATED MARCH 9, 2005

Sir:

Please amend the claims as follows.